



BEMC's Ohio Revised Code Powers

- The Broadcast Educational Media Commission was established to **advance education and accelerate the learning of the citizens of this state through public educational broadcasting services.** (R.C. 3353.02)
- The commission **shall** do two things:
 - 1) provide leadership and support in extending the knowledge of the citizens of this state by promoting access to and promoting use of educational broadcasting services, including educational *television* and *radio* and *radio reading services*.
 - 2) administer programs to provide financial and other assistance to educational television and radio and radio reading services. (R.C. 3353.02)
- **3353.04 Powers of Commission** - BEMC **may perform any act necessary to carry out the functions** of this chapter, including any of the following:
 - 1) Promote accessibility through broadcasting services of educational products aligned with the statewide academic standards, adopted by the state board pursuant to section **3301.079** of the Revised Code, for school districts, community schools, and other entities serving grades kindergarten through twelve;
 - 2) Own or operate transmission facilities and interconnection facilities, or contract for transmission facilities and interconnection facilities, for an educational television, radio, or radio reading service network;
 - 3) Establish standards for interconnection facilities used by the commission in the transmission of educational television, radio, or radio reading service programming;
 - 4) Enter into agreements with noncommercial educational television or radio broadcasting stations or radio reading services for the operation of the interconnection;
 - 5) Enter into agreements with noncommercial educational television or radio broadcasting stations or radio reading services for the production and use of educational television, radio, or radio reading service programs to be transmitted by the educational telecommunications network;

- 6) Execute contracts and other agreements necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes of this chapter and other duties prescribed to the commission by law or authorize the executive director of the commission to execute such contracts and agreements on the commission's behalf;
- 7) Act as consultant with educational television and educational radio stations and radio reading services toward coordination within the state of the distribution of federal funds that may become available for equipment for educational broadcasting or radio reading services;
- 8) Make payments to noncommercial Ohio educational television or radio broadcasting stations or radio reading services to sustain the operation of such stations or services;
- 9) In consultation with participants in programs administered by the commission, establish guidelines governing purchasing and procurement that facilitate the timely and effective implementation of such programs;
- 10) In consultation with participants in programs administered by the commission, consider the efficiency and cost savings of statewide procurement prior to allocating and releasing funds for such programs;
- 11) In consultation with participants in programs administered by the commission, establish a systems support network to facilitate the timely implementation of the programs and other projects and activities for which the commission provides assistance.